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*The* LINCOLN NEWSCARRIER'S  
**CHRISTMAS ADDRESS**  
TO HIS CUSTOMERS.

**T**HE Days, the Weeks, the Months, have circled round,  
And CHRISTMAS comes again with roast Beef crown'd,  
Rich Pies and Puddings, and the sav'ry Chine,  
Fowls, Geese and Turkies delicate and fine.

The foaming Tankard, and the mantling Bowl,  
Well please the Sight, and fill with Joy the Soul;  
The merry Song goes chearfully around,  
And Mirth and Transport ev'ry where are found.

Yet while you thus enjoy the friendly Cheer,  
Which crowns alike the past and coming Year;  
Think on the Toil your NEWSMAN undergoes,  
In Hail, in Rain, in blust'ring Winds, and Snows.

No Winter's Cold, nor Summer's parching Ray,  
Intent to serve you, can impede his Way;  
Both Day and Night his Journey he pursues,  
From North, East, West, and South, he brings you NEWS.

With such his Toils to benefit you all.  
He humbly on your Kindness now may call;  
Profit and Pleasure in his MERCURY's found,  
But hard's the Labour of his Weekly Round.

Then while at ease you sit and quaff away,  
Attention to your NEWSMAN you will pay;  
Your Gifts extend to him, his Bosom chear,  
With your good Bounty, at this Time of Year.

For friendly Charity to all is due,  
And cannot be neglected, here, by you:  
All your Commands he will with Care obey,  
And strict Attention to your Business pay.

May Happiness next Year on you attend,  
And Providence still be your faithful Friend;  
Your NEWSMAN wishes you, with Heart sincere,  
A merry CHRISTMAS, and a good NEW YEAR.